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SUBJECT: CODEL BRAY

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1. GENERAL BLANDFORD DUE ARRIVE TEHRAN AUGUST 31. EMBASSY CONTACTED HIS FIRM'S TEHRAN OFFICE TO APPRISE OF CONGRESSMAN BRAY'S INTEREST AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT BLANDFORD WILL BE INFORMED ON ARRIVAL AND MEETING WILL BE ARRANGED.

2. ALAMUT VALLEY, OLD SILK ROAD AND RUINED PARTHIAN CITY WIDELY SEPARATED AND IT UNLIKELY CONGRESSMAN BRAY WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE ALL THREE DURING HIS STAY, PARTICULARLY AS HIS SON DUE TO ARRIVE FOUR DAYS AFTER BRAY. WE SUGGEST CONGRESSMAN CHOOSE FROM ONE OF FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

A. ALAMUT VALLEY:

DEPART TEHRAN AUGUST 31, RETURN SEPTEMBER 2.

TRIP WILL INVOLVE VISIT TO RUINED ASSASSINS' CASTLE, RATHER ARDUOUS MULE RIDE UP AND DOWN MOUNTAIN (FIVE HOURS EACH WAY) AND OVERNIGHT CAMPING ON MOUNTAIN.

B. SILK ROUTE, MASHAD AND PARTHIAN CITY:

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WED., AUG. 28 - DEPART TEHRAN ALONG OLD SILK
ROAD, VISIT ANCIENT MOSQUE IN
SEM NAN AND OVERNIGHT IN SABZEWAR.

THURSDAY., AUG. 29 - CONTINUE ALONG SILK ROAD TO
NISHABOUR. REST AND OVERNIGHT.

FRI., AUG. 30 - VISIT TOMB OF OMAR KHAYYAM
AND RUINS OF ANCIENT NISHABOUR
THEN DEPART FOR MASHAD AND OVERNIGHT.

SAT., AUG. 31 - MEET BRAY'S SON AT MASHAD
AIRPORT, VISIT SHRINE OF IMAM
REZA, SHOP AND OVERNIGHT.

SUN., SEPT 1 - DRIVE TO GORGAN AND VISIT
EXCAVATION OF RUINED PARTHIAN
CITY. OVERNIGHT.

MON., SEPT 2 - VISIT TURKOMAN BAZAAR AT BANDAR
SHAH AND RETURN TEHRAN.

3. VARIATIONS ON EITHER PROGRAM ARE POSSIBLE BUT WOULD
APPRECIATE KNOWING CONGRESSMAN'S DESIRES ASAP TO PERMIT
ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS.
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